



TWO of the goals that clinched the Rothmans Isthmian League title for Wycombe Wanderers at Loakes Park against Leytonstone on Saturday. Goal number one (above); Mick Hollifield gets to the ball before keeper John Murphy to put the Blues 1-0 up and below Larry Pritchard heads the ball firmly into the net from Keith Seale's cross for the second goal.



HEADS YOU WIN, TONY!



Leytonstone full-back Les Tilley and Tony Horseman go up for this cross during Wycombe Wanderers' 3-0 triumph which clinched them the Rothmans Isthmian League championship on Saturday.

THE CHAMPIONS!

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Wycombe Wanderers	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hendon	42	25	13	4	83	20	98
Wandsworth	42	25	13	4	83	20	98
Dulwich Hamlet	42	22	11	9	71	38	72
Woking	42	22	8	12	63	44	70
Waltham & Herts	42	22	8	14	63	55	69
Leytonstone	42	20	9	13	53	44	69
Weybridge	42	17	14	11	68	43	65
Orbital City	42	17	14	11	68	43	65
Wimbledon	42	17	13	13	51	52	60
Hitchin Town	42	17	13	13	51	52	60
Barking	42	14	12	16	57	58	54
Woolwich	42	12	12	18	49	62	50
Tooting & Mitcham	42	12	12	18	49	62	50
Wandsworth	42	12	12	18	49	62	50
Waltham & Bow	42	11	12	19	48	62	49
Bromley	42	7	9	28	37	81	30
St Albans C	42	4	7	31	30	92	18
Coventry City	42	4	7	30	28	92	18

Superb Wanderers storm to third title in four years

"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!"

That's the cry that echoed around Loakes Park at 4.45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon as Wycombe Wanderers put the first Rothmans Isthmian League title in their pocket. And they did it in style, with a display of attacking football.

Thanks to Hendon, who beat Bishop's Stortford 1-0 on Thursday, and to Leytonstone, who beat Leytonstone 3-0 on Saturday afternoon, the title was out of sight.

It did it with a magnificent first half display, which, although it did not end in a goal, set them up for the kill in the second half.

Wycombe — and — how they deserved it.

It hardly mattered that, in winning the title, they also achieved the first trophy from the sponsors for a three clear goal triumph. The big game was the final and clinching top of the league.

It was the 1973-74 season, as wide as the pitch itself after the 1972-73. Roger Horseman, who struggled to keep the ball in the black throughout the season, with a few exceptions, including £1,700. Added to the £1,000, the Blues had 100% of their goal victories and can also expect a handsome chunk of the £10,000 which the Isthmian League has agreed to be worked out later in the year.

That's the sort of year for which the man who steered his club to this remarkable success, Brian Lee, brought a major dimension to Wycombe football when he took over the reins in 1972.

Over the last two years, the first season Wanderers finished runners-up and the next year they won the Isthmian League and kept the title the following year, scoring only one point less than the year before.

Last year was a failure in comparison with the last two seasons, but the fourth. Now Lee has come back again to make it an incredible record of four titles in four years.

The Wanderer has always maintained the championship comes before the Amateur Cup. Few can argue with that. The Blues put up a consistently high standard over the last four years, and long — whereas the cup lasts a mere six games — the Isthmian League has 36 matches. The Wanderers have

played some wonderful football

of a standard matching Third Division football.

Wycombe's footballers have

been the best in the Isthmian

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